

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The subject matter of claim 5 has been incorporated in claim 1.

Rejection of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over applicants' Admitted Prior Art in view of the cited Kawashima patent is respectfully traversed.

As shown in Figs. 17 and 18, the contact pin 110 comprises the supported portion 112. The insulator 130 comprises the accommodation portion 132 provided with the supporting portion 140 which supports the supported portion 112 of the contact pin 110. The supporting portion 140 includes the supporting surface 141. According to the present invention, the supplementary insulator 150 is fixedly held by the insulator 130 and pushes the supported portion 112 of the contact pin 110 to the supporting surface 141 of the accommodation portion 132. This is, the supplementary insulator 150 itself is in contact with the supported portion 112 of the contact pin 110.

Kawashima (USP 4,946,399) does not teach such an arrangement. Although Kawashima teaches the connector comprising the secondary locking pin 17 supported by the plate 16 and the electrical terminal 7 having the contact portion 8 provided with the secondary locking projections 11, the

secondary locking pin 17 is positioned between two adjacent contact portions 8 as shown in the attached Reference Drawing. That is, the secondary locking pin 118 does not push the contact portion 8 to the inner wall of the terminal holding chamber 2.

In view of the above, amended claim 1 is respectfully submitted clearly to be patentable, and the dependent claims are believed to be allowable therewith.

A sincere effort having been made to overcome the grounds of rejection, favorable reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-14 and 6-12 are respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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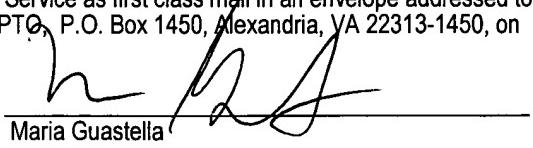
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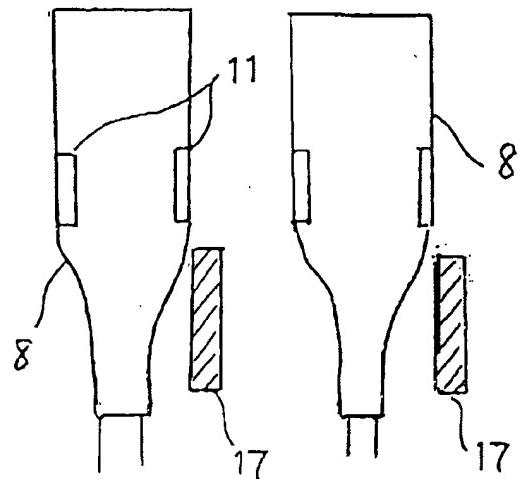
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Reference Drawing



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